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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first sentence of the above-identified application on page 1, line 5 with the following amended sentence:

This application ~~claims the benefit of U. S. Patent Application (ARC-15042-1)~~ is a continuation-in-part of prior filed application no. 10/390,254, patent no. 7,094,679, filed 11 March 2003 and issued 22 August 2006, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Also included with this submission:

- Request for Continued Examination
- Petition for Acceptance of Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit of Prior Filed Nonprovisional Application